

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 36, 40, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 59, 62, 63, 64, and 65 have been amended and new claims 66-101 have been added to the application.

The Examiner has noted the trademarks used and requested the specification be proofed to insure all trademarks are capitalized and accompanied by the generic terminology.

Applicants respectfully amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, paragraph 3, at lines 23-26 were moved in order to follow the first paragraph before the examples to provide the proper introduction to the examples. The words "EXAMPLE 1" were added prior to the title "Preparation of Wheel Cleaning Compositions" and the words "EXAMPLE 2" were added prior to the title "Cleaning Performance of Various Wheel Cleaning Compositions" so that the examples were in order. Support for the amendment comes from page 6 of the provisional application Serial No. 60/333,279 which is incorporated in the instant application.

All of the examples have been amended to capitalize the trade name ELFACOS; to define VERSENE as a ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid as set forth on page 12 at lines 1 and 2, and not as a surfactant; and to add the generic terminology -surfactant- to the trade name BEROL 226.

The Examiner has objected to claims 14, 15, 20, 25, 29, 30, 36, 39, 40, 43, 44, 46, 48-52, and 65 due to informalities.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection in view to the amendments to the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

The Examiner has objected to claims 4, 12, 21-23, 43, 47, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 8-15, 18-20, 22, 23, 28, 39, 40, 64, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Russo et al. (U.S. Patent 5,759,980).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

The Russo reference teaches the use of a polysiloxane polyethylene glycol copolymer surfactant package for use in the cited reference which is not used or claimed by Applicants' in the present invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 8-16, 22, 23, 28, 44, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Willey et al. (U.S. Patent 5,726,139).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

Applicants' claim1 as amended includes a quaternary ammonium compound not taught by the cited reference. Because the other claims cited are dependent on claim 1, the cited reference no longer anticipates Applicants' claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 8-16, 18, 22, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gordon et al.. (U.S. Patent 6,484,735).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

The cited Gordon reference does not include a scouring agent as does Applicants' claimed invention as amended, and teaches the use of a POLYVINYL PYRROLIDONE, but not the other polymers claimed by applicant and Applicant believes the reference is no longer anticipatory. The scouring agents are especially important in cleaning wheels as opposed to smooth hard surfaces described by the Gordon reference. Because the other claims cited are dependent on claim 1, the cited reference no longer anticipates Applicants' claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 18, 22, 23, 28, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pace et al. (U.S. Patent 6,333,299).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

Applicants' cited independent claim 1 does not include an acid as taught by the Pace et al. Reference and is not anticipatory thereof. Although Applicants claim the use of acids in some of the claims depending from claim 1, Pace et al. does not seem to utilize scouring agents as does Applicant.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 13-15, 18-23, 28, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Ginn (U.S. Patent 4,348,292).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

The cited Ginn reference teaches the use of detergents as claimed by Applicants' in some of the dependent claims; however, Ginn does not teach the polymers claimed by Applicants and is not anticipatory of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1- 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Russo et al. (U.S. Patent 5,759,980).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

The RUSSO reference teaches the use of a polysiloxane polyethylene glycol copolymer surfactant package for use in the cited reference which is not used or claimed by Applicants' in the present invention and unnecessary for the cleaning agent formulation for use on wheels. Although many of the additives claimed by Applicants are taught in various references, only Applicants' claims as amended claim a composition whereby the components provide the synergy necessary for optimizing the effective cleaning of wheels in a short time period without damaging same.

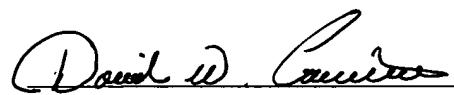
Applicant asserts that the cited references does not include all of the features of Applicant's claimed invention and that the claims as amended are patentable over the cited references.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (502) 452-1233 to discuss any such remaining issues.

Checks are enclosed as payment for the petition fees and additional claims fees. Please charge for any underpayment or credit and overpayments to Counsel's deposit account 50-0642.

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